

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of the present application are patentable over the cited references, and it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

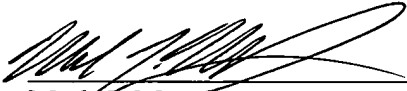
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee should be due for this response, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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